

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and further examination of the patent application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111.

The Action rejected Claims 1, 5-16, 22, 23, and 29 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Li (6,331,997).

The Action rejected Claims 30, 34-45, 51, 52, and 58 under 35 U.S.C. 102(3) as being anticipated by, or under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over, Li (6,331,997).

Applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner's rejections but have cancelled claims 1, 5-16, 22, 23, 29, 30 34-45, 51, 52, and 58 without prejudice to render the Examiner's rejections moot in order to expedite allowance of the present application.

The Action objected to claims 2-4, 17-21, 24-28, 31-33, 46-50, and 53-57 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but indicated the claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants have amended claims 2-4, 17-21, 24-28, 31-33, 46-50, and 53-57 to include all of the limitations of base and any intervening claims.

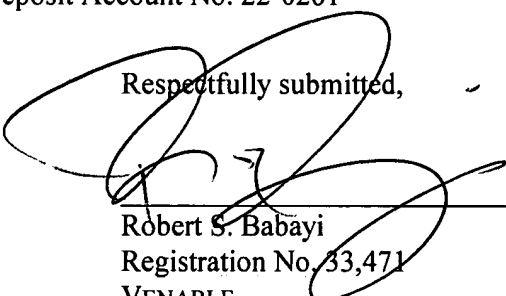
Applicant respectfully submits that all of the stated grounds of rejection and objections have been properly traversed, accommodated or rendered moot. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that the application is in condition for allowance.

If the Examiner believes, for any reasons, that further communication will expedite prosecution of this application the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Applicant believes there are no additional fees associated with this reply other than those indicated. However, if this is incorrect, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees which may be required for this paper to Deposit Account No. 22-0261

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